

Unitil serves as a positive example for all Granite Staters, and I applaud their dedication to improving their community, both in the personal and the business arena. I commend their leadership as well as their employees and wish them continued success in the coming years. It is an honor to represent you in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the Court Appointed Special Advocates, CASA, of New Hampshire. Named this year's Education/Non-Profit Business of the Year by the New Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Business NH Magazine.

The CASA program is crucial to New Hampshire's abused and neglected children, offering support, guidance, and a sound outlook on the children for New Hampshire's Family and District Court judges. Started in New Hampshire in 1988 by Marcia Sink, CASA has advocated for 3,045 young victims in 2,276 cases within district and family court during the past 14 years. A national program, CASA trains volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in the court system. Typically taking just one case at a time, CASA volunteers gain an intimate knowledge of the children, family situation and current arrangements which proves invaluable to judges upon their rulings.

Aside from the Business of the year award, CASA has been the recipient of the Citadel Broadcasting Company's 2001 Year of Service Award, Brown and Company's Pro Bono Award, the Walter J. Dunley Award for Excellence in Non-Profit Management and WMUR Channel Nine's Community Champion award. Along with these distinguished awards for their service and contributions, CASA has made an impact in the lives of numerous children which is the greatest award of all. New Hampshire thanks you for your continued service to the children of the Granite State.

I applaud the dedication to New Hampshire's youth that CASA has shown over the years. Currently representing more than 75 percent of New Hampshire's abused and neglected children, these volunteers have spent countless hours defending the best interest of these children. They offer a unique and innovative approach to placing children in the best possible situation and their efforts are crucial during these trying times. I commend the CASA program of New Hampshire and wish them continued success in the coming years. It is an honor to represent you in the United States Senate.●

HONORING THE TOWN OF WILTON, CT, ON ITS BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the Town of Wilton, CT, on celebrating its bicentennial anniversary as a separate municipality.

Incorporated by the Connecticut General Assembly from the parent Town of Norwalk, CT, on Monday, May 20, 1802, Wilton is a vibrant community steeped in both history and culture, and a paradigm of the quintessential New England town. Settled as early as 1640, Wilton grew from 40 recorded families in 1726 to its present population of over 17,000. While the town has been successful in maintaining a small tight-knit community atmosphere, it has greatly benefitted from its location in Fairfield County and proximity to New York City. Modern Wilton is blessed with a diverse population, a strong economy, and a plethora of different industries.

From the day 263 residents volunteered to fight to uphold American liberty in the Revolutionary War, the people of Wilton have continually demonstrated admirable patriotism during many different eras. Over the years, the town has also become keenly aware of its own heritage. Through a variety of innovative preservation efforts undertaken by the Wilton Historical Society, dozens of historical houses and buildings dating from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries have been protected for the benefit of future generations. One of these estates happens to be the only National Park in Connecticut, the Weir Farm National Historic Site. Home to impressionist painter Julian Alden Weir for over 40 years, the residence is considered a birthplace of the American Impressionist movement in the 1890s.

To celebrate the town bicentennial, the people of Wilton will be holding several different traditional festivities during the month of May. In addition, 20 Wilton residents will be cycling from Washington, DC, to Wilton in a special "BikeCentennial." The entourage will travel across Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and part of Connecticut before arriving at Wilton on July 4.

Once again, I would like to commemorate the town of Wilton on its bicentennial anniversary. I wish the town and its residents continued vibrancy and success for many generations to come.●

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND DAVID ARIAS

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Rev. David Arias, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and Regional Bishop of Hudson County on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his Ordination.

Rev. Arias' background is as wide and as varied as the United States. Born and ordained to the priesthood in

Spain, he has worked in Spain, Mexico City, Texas, Kansas City, California, and now Hudson County, NJ.

In 1996, as a member of the Archdiocese of New York, Rev. Arias was named head of the Spanish Cursillo Movement and later named director of Hispanic Affairs for the Archdiocese of New York by Cardinal Terrence Cooke. He was named the Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, NJ in 1983 and has served as Pastor of St. Joseph of the Palisades in West New York, NJ since 1994.

The Archdiocese of Newark has been fortunate to have the services of Rev. Arias and I wish him the best in his continued ministry.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

2002 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT POLICY TOWARD SUB-SUBHARAN AFRICA AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT—PM 87

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 106 of title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-200), I am providing a report prepared by my Administration entitled, the 2002 Comprehensive Report on U.S. Trade and Investment Policy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa and Implementation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 20, 2002.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-7092. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Indian Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 2000" (RIN0917-AA05) received on May 16, 2002; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.